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(54) Network communication with printing systems

(57) A method for a user machine to communicate with a printing system over a network by determining a URL address for a printing system and transmitting in-

formation to the URL address for printing a file at the printing system. The printing system may receive or retrieve files for printing, and also may provide status information to the user machine.

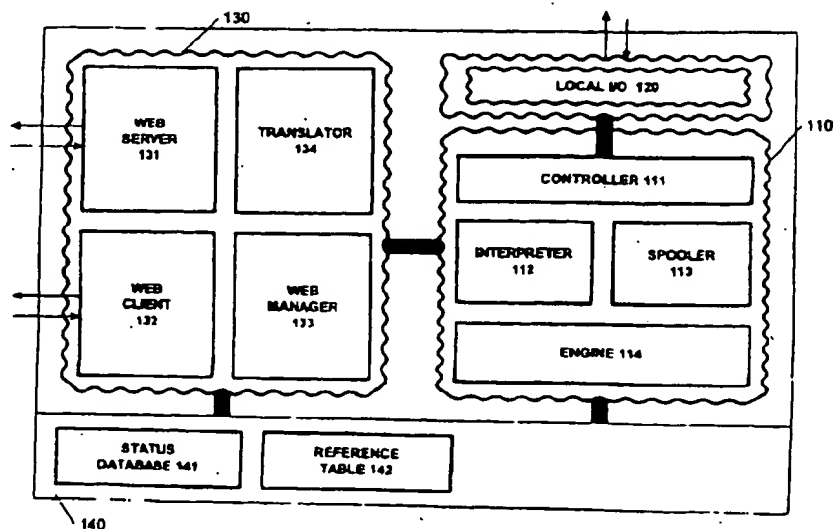


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